

Acquisition Reform Success Story

F-15 Field Maintenance Service Contracts

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Program Description

Field maintenance services for the F-15 aircraft includes workload agreements with customers at four USAF base locations for various modification installs and repairs required between programmed depot level maintenance periods. These agreements provide support at the bases for continued weapon system safety, reliability, capability, and improved performance.

How Streamlining Made a Difference

Using the tenets of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act, the acquisition team discussed the use of a different type of contract due to the constraints inherent in the previous method. A decision was made to utilize a firm fixed price services contract which would provide field level customers with the flexibility to input aircraft as necessary. Use of a basic year with four one-year options with local administration was proposed. This concept was presented to interested contractors during the pre-proposal conference where no objections were raised. Customers at the bases were enthusiastic about the concept. The resulting contract reduces the risk to the Government, simplifies contracting procedures for both the Government and the contractor and provides the customer with the desired flexibility. Savings accrued to the Government due to reduced administration, reduction in size of contractual documents and cost of the effort.

Measure	From	To
RFP/contract, work specs, standards and data	88 pages	22
Amendments/revisions and contract changes	20 changes	2
Direct contract price	\$1.2M	\$800K
Administration costs (est)*	\$100K	\$ 20K

Bottom Line: The acquisition team streamlined the method of acquiring the desired services resulting in a faster turn around time for repair of aircraft (doing it **smarter/faster**), reduced the number of administrative procedures (doing it **better**) and reduced the cost of the effort by 30 percent (doing it **cheaper**).